Your Problems

By Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My husband and I are in our middle 40's and we have an adorable little freckle-faced boy, age 10.

He's precocious, but terribly stubborn. The real problem, I'm afraid, is with his grandparents. He has learned he can get anything he wants from them if we refuse. For Christmas he asked for a $50 chemistry set. We said no on the grounds that it was too expensive and we offered a $20 set instead.

He phoned his grandmother, put on an act, and sure enough they bought him the $50 set. If he doesn't get his way he just sits in his room with his head in his hands and won't speak to anyone or come to the dinner table. I have to bring his dinner on a tray so he won't go to bed hungry. How can we get control without hurting the grandparents' feelings? — MOM AND POP.

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Dear Mom and Pop: You and your husband MUST put your foot down — solidly on the grandparents' pocketbook. Tell them in a gentle but firm way that they are not to buy the boy another gift unless it has been approved by you. The type of hypnotism your son has been working on his grandparents is enormously damaging to your authority as parents.

YOU are responsible for this child's upbringing, not the grandparents — and you must not tolerate this kind of undermining.

When the boy gets uncommunicative and stubborn, ignore him. Let him sit in his room till his freckles fall off. Don't bring him dinner on a tray. He won't die if he misses a meal. I hope you'll step in and take charge of this situation before the child becomes spoiled beyond hope.

Wonderful Guy, but . . .

DEAR ANN: I've been dating a wonderful guy for two years. He is a darling in a million different ways, but he owes me $280 in $5's and $10's.

I have a good job and so has he, but he never learned how to manage his money. An example of his total lack of sense is what happened last week. He spent $25 on a bottle of ridiculously-expensive perfume, when he knows good and well he owes me almost $300.

We plan to be married in the spring. We love each other very much and have been 100 per cent true ever since we met. How can I solve this money problem before we marry. I'm afraid after, I will look like a nagging shrew. —HONEYBUN.

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Dear Honeybun: Your boy friend knows he's a bad boy with the buck, but he doesn't know what to do about it. Offer to take charge of his cheque NOW, in preparation for later, for surely there is no doubt you will be the exchequer of the family funds when you are Mr. and Mrs. He should have no objections to this plan.

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DEAR ANN: We moved into this apartment building after our daughter got married and we didn't need the big house.

My husband has become very chummy with the couple next door. He spends almost every evening there, drinking, watching TV and just visiting in general. They have two children. The young neighbor-husband baby-sits with the kids while he encourages my old man to take his wife out for a soda, or a ride in the car.

When I complained that it didn't look nice to the rest of the tenants in the building, I was told by all three of them that I was narrow-minded. Now that they have laughed it off I don't know what to do. Please advise me. — SOPHIE.

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Dear Sophie: Just be patient and your husband will cook his own goose with the neighbors. Too thick won't stick. He'll park himself over there once too often, keep the wife out half an hour too long, or in some way stick his beak into their business and that will be the end of the beautiful friendship.

Are your parents too strict? You can benefit from the experience of thousands of teenagers if you read ANN LANDERS' new booklet, "How to Live with Your Parents," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Clubs, Societies

Island Temple, No. 8, Pythian Sisters, will meet in the Knights of Pythias Hall today at 8 p.m.

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There will be a meeting of the Diocesan Mothers' Union Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

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Prayer and healing study will be held tomorrow in the Cathedral Memorial Hall at 3 p.m. Open to all.

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Navy League Chapter, IODE, executive meeting will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. F. W. Mawdsly, 3697 Craigmillar Road.

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Regular meeting of the Ladies' Evening Guild will be held in the hall of St. Matthias Church tonight at 8 p.m.

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Annual meeting and election of officers of St. Peter's Ladies' Evening Guild, Lake Hill, will be held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Fairservice, 3371 Linwood Avenue tomorrow.

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First project of the new year for the All Saints' Ladies' Guild will be the sponsoring of a concert by the UBC Choral Society in the Memorial Hall on March 7, it was reported at the annual meeting.

The following slate of officers was also elected at the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Pope, 285 Kerwood Avenue:

President is Mrs. R. Crowe; honorary president, Mrs. S. Wickens (re-elected); past president, Mrs. M. Aldersmith; first vice-president, Mrs. B. Chater; second vice-president, Mrs. N. Baylis; recording secretary, Mrs. D. Ross-Jones; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. Curley; treasurer, Mrs. R. Pearce; conveners, Mrs. M. Law and Mrs. K. Moore.

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HMS Endeavor Chapter, IODE, is to hold its annual meeting banquet at Hotel Sidney, on Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m.

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Wednesday, Feb. 18, is the date set for the dedication of the new hall belonging to the Langford 50 and Up Club. Dr. Henrietta Anderson will perform the ceremony following a luncheon for members at 1 p.m.

Engaged

Engagement is announced of Patricia Jukes of Bellingham, Wash., to Mr. John Knox Woodruff, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox Woodruff, Seattle, Wash. Bride-elect is daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Jukes and granddaughter of Henry P. Jukes, Bellingham, and Alfred Carmichael, Victoria. Her uncle, David Carmichael, resides on Mayfair Drive. —(Photo by Zubick.)

Price of Gadgets May Be Slavery!

VIENNA (WNS)—Professor Anna Marie Innerebner warns housewives not to adopt too many home aids or "you'll be forced to take a job to support the gadgets that were supposed to make life easier for you, lose your family life, and end up in slavery to a heartless machine."

Barred From Lords

Peers Champion 'Real' Peeresses

LONDON (AP)—Fifty-nine peers have asked that hereditary peeresses be given the right to sit in the House of Lords.

They called on the government to introduce the necessary legislation, outvoting 51 peers who want things to stay as they are. The government obviously is going to do nothing about it.

Until last year women were excluded from the House of Lords. Then the government introduced special legislation appointing four ladies to the House of Lords. But they can't hand down their titles to descendants.

The vote was taken after the Marquess of Reading declared:

"I can't believe that those of your lordships who were most vehemently hostile to the arrival of women in this house have found — once you had survived the first shock—that the presence of these ladies has had any notably shattering effect upon your quiet enjoyment of the normal amenities."

He said it was "a blatant anomaly" to admit life peeresses while still barring noblewomen by birth.

Shopping With Sally

It's Time to Plan Spring Wardrobe

Popping in and out of several shops along one of Victoria's busiest thoroughfares, I spotted some bargains that may interest you.

With spring just around the corner, it would be wise to start planning your lighter wardrobe now, especially if you make your own frocks. Not only are there wonderful bargains in fabrics, light wools, polished and imported cottons but several sewing supply stores are having a clearance of famous-name sewing machines at large reductions. For the beginner, here's a chance to get started—buy a reasonable type machine and experiment.

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The height of femininity is achieved with a chic make-up mirror for milady's dressing table or bathroom. One I saw stood on a gilt stand, the mirror set on a lampshade-like arrangement with a light bulb behind. There's space under the tilted mirror for jars and bottles and all the little extras. The whole works sells for $9.50.

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For the man of distinction in your life there's a gift that's practical and beautiful. It's a desk calendar with a page a day for important engagements, calendar and other data and is set in a heavy walnut base. The price is $20.

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Noticed a very versatile lady's item in one shop. It was a sweater clip, the newest fad that lets you wear your cardigans casually over your shoulders. This clip in brushed silver can be unhooked to wear as a bracelet, shoe or dress clips and even as earrings. It comes in different styles and is priced from $4.50 to $6.

An import that's sure to please are tins of lavender blossoms and a pot pourri of fragrances that could be used to freshen a closet, bureau drawers or any other use you might have in mind. The tin is only $1.

Woman Operates Plant Hospital

ARLINGTON, Va. (WNS) —Mrs. Milton L. Arnold has started a hospital for ailing plants. People whose potted vegetation gets droopy leave their plants with her and she brings them back to health.

Automobile Club To Hear Lindsay

B.C. motor vehicles superintendent George Lindsay will speak on "Highway Safety" at the annual meeting of the Victoria Automobile Club in the Duke of Kent room at the Empress Hotel today at 3 p.m.

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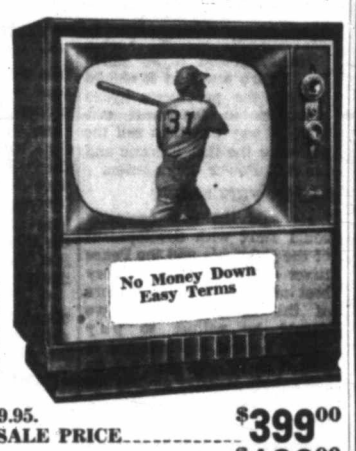

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